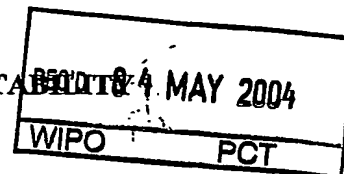


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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)



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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC A61B 5/0225			
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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.
3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:
 - a. ☒ (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of 5 sheets, as follows:
 - ☒ sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis of this report and/or sheets containing rectifications authorized by this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions).
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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International application No.

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☐ This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 5 - 14 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* 1 - 4 _____ received by this Authority on 25-08-2003
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages 16, 17 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* 15 _____ received by this Authority on 25-08-2003
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- pages 1 - 4 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-24</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-24</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-24</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Cited documents

Prior art is defined by the following documents, which are cited in the search report:

(D1) EP 0 322 711, A1
(D2) US 5 025 793, A
(D3) US 5 201 320, A

D1 describes a device for blood pressure measuring. An inflatable cuff is attached around the patients arm. Pressure signals are registered by an electrical transducer. The cuff has a semi-rigid element and can be closed by one hand of e.g. the patient himself (See column 1, line 50-54; column 3, line 1-26).

Document D2-D3 do not describe the claimed invention, they merely defines the general state of the art.

Statement of reasons

The invention defined by amended claims 1-7, of 2003-08-25, and originally filed claims 8-24, is not disclosed by any of these documents.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the apparatus with a microphone array and concave shell parts. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art, using the devices and systems of D1-D3.

Accordingly, claims 1-24 fulfil the requirements of industrial applicability (IA) and novelty (N). They also comprise an inventive step (IS).